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Honorable Joseph & Baldwin

Dear Jos:

Thank you very much fer your letter of December 17, enclosing your proposed plan for an "American Association for the Tropics."

Your plan has been carefully read, and it is my opinion that, if you have not done so, it would be of real value for you to discuss it with someone in the Selson A. Rockefeller Organization, as I believe they are emgaged in activities very similar to those in which you are interested, and should be most knowledgeable and helpful to you.

While it is difficult to estimate the degree of acceptability which such a program would have with the peoples of the areas concerned, it seems to see that certain of the points which the plan makes are very sound, and that there is a genuine need for some kind of action along the indicated lines.

Sincerely yours,

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Walter B. Smith Director

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